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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification and claims prior to the examination of the application.

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification and its marked-up version is submitted herewith.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-9 as follows (a copy of the marked-up version of the amended claims is attached hereto):

a1 sub 627 1. (Amended) Supporting profile for a system for erecting structures comprising:

longitudinally extending grooves on outside, which grooves are used for the connection of additional supporting profiles or structural parts of the construction system, a slid-in adapter piece at at least one of its open ends, the